



## English 313: Creative Writing Workshop, Poetry

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00-11:15

Location: TBA

Professor: Mark Brazaitis

“Poetry is language at its most distilled and most powerful.”

—Rita Dove

Take English 313, where you’ll hone your poetic voice and find powerful and beautiful ways of expressing yourself. Expect to write (and re-write!) at least twelve poems. And expect to read dozens of great poems such as the one by Rita Dove below.

### Canary

*for Michael S. Harper*

Billie Holiday’s burned voice  
 had as many shadows as lights,  
 a mournful candelabra against a sleek piano,  
 the gardenia her signature under that ruined face.

(Now you’re cooking, drummer to bass,  
 magic spoon, magic needle.  
 Take all day if you have to  
 with your mirror and your bracelet of song.)

Fact is, the invention of women under siege  
 has been to sharpen love in the service of myth.

If you can’t be free, be a mystery.